



FRIDAY FLIER (4/3/09)

- 1) **LCCS** will be closed next Friday, **4/10** and will be closed for **SPRING BREAK** from Monday, **4/13** – Friday, **4/17**. School resumes Monday, **4/20**.
- 2) **CONGRATULATIONS** to Principal Susan Grierson. Ms. Grierson received the School Leader Award from the New Jersey Charter Public Schools Association at its annual conference in Trenton on Tuesday, **3/31**. *The Jersey Journal* article is attached.
- 3) The **READ-A-THON** is half way through! We hope families are encouraging their children to **READ, READ, READ** and that you are soliciting donations for each minute your child reads from Saturday, 3/28 to Sunday, 4/12. Our school wide goal is \$15,000. If you need more Log or Pledge sheets, they are available at the front desk. Prizes will be awarded at the **MAY 15th CELEBRATION**. **Reminder: To be eligible for prizes there is a \$10 pledge minimum and a qualifying number of minutes to be read!**
- 4) **SIMON FOUNDATION MATCHING FAMILY FUNDRAISER:** We've raised over **\$3000** in the first two weeks! The deadline for matching money raised is **5/15**: Only five weeks to go. If you are planning your own fundraiser for the family challenge or have an idea that you need help with, please contact Director of Development Shelley Skinner at x330 or shelley-skinner@lccsnj.org.
- 5) **PROTEST SCHOOL BUDGET CUTS:** Addressed postcards are going home today with all students. These cards will be sent to Governor Corzine to protest cuts in our school aid for next year.
 - Please check your children's backpack for these postcards.
 - Please sign the card and return it to the school by Wednesday, **4/8**.
- 6) **BOARD NOMINATIONS EXTENDED:** The deadline for nominating paragraphs is now Tuesday, **4/7**.
 - We are accepting nominations for **ONE PARENT MEMBER OF THE LCCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**.
 - Any parent or guardian who can contribute their time, energy, thoughtfulness and care to the policy-making body of the school is welcome to run.
 - Candidates should submit brief statements introducing themselves and describing their reasons for wanting to join the board.
 - Candidates' statements will be published in "Thursday Thoughts" flier on **4/9**.
 - Ballots will be attached to Thursday Thoughts on **4/9**.
 - Ballots must be returned by Wednesday **4/22**. The official term will begin in September. Send nominations/statements to Marie Salle at marie-salle@lccsnj.org or leave at the front desk.
- 7) The **MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION** for 4th graders is Monday **4/6** at 6 pm. Parents and 4th grade students are encouraged to attend.
- 8) There will be a meeting of the **LCCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Tuesday, **4/7** at 6 pm.
- 9) **LCCS PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)** is sponsoring the First 2009 PTO Family Fun Event: Bowling Fundraiser at Hudson Lanes on Friday, **4/24**. *More information on attached flier.*

- 10) **BOOKS MISSING!** Ms. Downing's bookshelves are not about to collapse, which can only mean one thing: some books have lost their way home! Check the cushions of the couch; check the closets; check under the bed. But if you've read them, return them!!
- 11) **CONGRATULATIONS** to 5th grader **Krish Anand** for two 1st place wins and Kindergartner **Amy Hu**, for two 2nd place wins at both Jersey City Public School Elementary Chess Championships held in March.
- 12) **FREE LEGAL WORKSHOP:** On Wednesday, **4/29** attend Court Night in the Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Courthouse at 583 Newark Avenue, in Jersey City. This is a community education program featuring individual interactive workshops presented by esteemed judges and attorneys who will cover topics such as; Landlord/Tenant, Divorce, Child Support, Immigration, Juvenile Offender Prevention, and Expungement of a Criminal Record.
- The main purpose of the program is to educate the community concerning the roles of the courts, staff, and attorneys; and foster a greater understanding of community accessibility to the court.
 - There will be two sessions that you can register for: 5:30 – 7:15 and 7:30 – 9:15.
 - The workshops will be followed by a question and answer segment.
 - Please call Cariann Rizzolo for more information and to register at 201-217-5109.
 - Parking is available after 5:00 pm.
- 13) **THANK YOU** to:
- Parents and families who attended the fabulous 4th grade Human Body Exhibit! Congratulations to all the exhibitors for a great job.
 - Parents for cereal boxes. **NOW** the art room needs **NEWSPAPERS!** Recycle them at LCCS!
 - Families who sent in items for the **TOWELS AND TREATS DRIVE:** The Middle School Student Council will deliver all donations to the Liberty Humane Society.
- 14) We hope to see everyone back in September, but if your child is not returning to LCCS next year, please contact Sheila Bratton at x338 so we can make the space available to another child.

Principal being honored at charter schools conference

The principal of the Learning Community Charter School of Jersey City will receive the School Leader Award today from the New Jersey Charter Public Schools Association as it opens its annual conference in Trenton.

Susan Grierson is being recognized for collaborative approaches, accessibility to students, parents and staff, introducing innovative art education programs, cultivating and sustaining a positive school culture, and fostering an inclusive work environment and a creative learning process for every student.

"This year we are making several awards in several categories to recognize outstanding accomplishments by New Jersey charter public schools, by people who work for our schools and by people whose support has helped advance the charter public school



SUSAN GRIERSON

movement in New Jersey," said Jessani Gordon, NJCPSA executive director.

There are 62 charter schools in New Jersey, with enrollment at 19,000. New Jersey's charter public schools serve a higher percentage of minority and at-risk students than traditional district schools and are in great demand, with 11,000 children on entrance waiting lists.

— JOURNAL STAFF

The LCCS Parent Teacher Organization (LCCS PTO)

Sponsors its first 2009

PTO Family Fun Event: Bowling Fundraiser at Hudson Lanes

Friday, April 24th

from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

\$10.00 per each bowler – includes shoes

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